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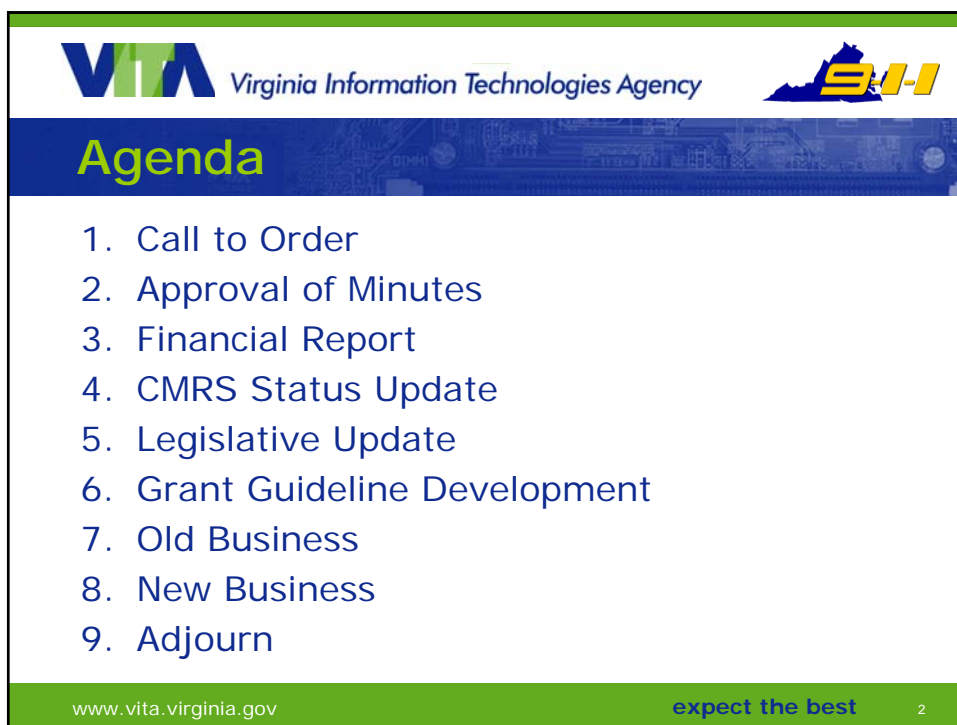
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Wireless E-911 Services Board Meeting

General Business Meeting
April 4, 2006

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Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Financial Report
4. CMRS Status Update
5. Legislative Update
6. Grant Guideline Development
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Adjourn

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Financial Report

Wireless E-911 Service Board


February 2006 Financial Report

Item	Month	YTD	Appropriation
DPSC Expended	\$ 54,323.59	\$ 417,540.54	\$ 2,178,809.89
PSAP Funding	\$ 4,625,044.12	\$ 18,297,009.21	\$ 15,294,000.00
CMRS Funding	\$ 3,627,558.28	\$ 12,179,719.04	\$ 11,062,902.00
Fund Transfers	\$ -	\$ 3,825,000.00	\$ 4,825,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 8,306,925.99	\$ 34,719,268.79	\$ 33,360,711.89
Revenue	\$ 3,935,620.30	\$ 28,562,224.84	
Interest		\$ 299,055.60	
Difference		\$ (5,857,988.35)	
Beginning Fund Balance		\$ 19,378,844.71	
New Fund Balance	\$	13,520,856.36	


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CMRS Status Summary - Remaining

CMRS	Phase I	Phase II
Alltel	2	10
Cingular *	0	2
Cingular (Triton) *	7	30
Nextel	2	8
Nextel Partners	0	4
nTelos	2	10
Sprint	0	11
T-Mobile	11	18
U.S. Cellular	0	4
Verizon Wireless *	3	18
Virginia	0	2

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Wireless Legislation (SB395)

- Expands role of Wireless E-911 Services Board to planning for future network and VoIP deployment (Comp. Plan)
- Change funding to automatic PSAP funding and grant program with fund balance being distributed each year
- Authorize the Board to publish best practices



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Impact of Funding

- \$4 Million Increased Funding to PSAPs over FY2007 Requested (approx. \$6M over FY2005 actual)
- Average increase of 34% over FY2005 actual recurring funding
- PSAPs with extraordinary growth projected at less FY2007 funding
- Annual recalculation will correct if growth is realized



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Grant Committee

- Chief Neuhard, Fairfax County – Chairman
- George Thomas, Chesterfield County
- Bill Agee, Franklin County
- Jim Junkins, Harrisonburg-Rockingham
- Tim Addington, Scott County
- Greg Staylor, Chesapeake
- Mike Edwards, VACO
- Dorothy Spears-Dean- Staff Support



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Goals and Objectives of Committee

- The Grant Committee is tasked with creating the guidelines for the Wireless E-911 Grant Program.
- The deliverable will be a comprehensive document that provides the mechanics or guidelines for the Wireless E-911 Grant Program.
- The objective is to complete the grant guidelines no later than the July 12th Board meeting.



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Sample Components of Guidelines

- Program Guidance:
 - Executive summary
 - Program overview
 - Program requirements
 - Authorized program expenditures
- Eligibility Criteria
- Funding Availability and Methodology
- Award and Reporting Requirements
- Forms, Templates, and Resources



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Input and Resources for Committee

- Regional PSAP Managers' Meetings
 - Chesterfield
 - Natural Bridge
 - Abingdon
- Resource Library - provide supporting info on NG 911, data sharing, and other topics:
 - NENA
 - NRIC
 - NIST/OLES
 - GJXDM and NIEM



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Input and Resources for Committee

- Program Summaries - provide supporting info on existing federal and state grant programs:
 - VDEM
 - DOJ/DHS
 - USFA
 - OEMS
 - JAG
 - DNI
- The objective of the summaries is to leverage the Virginia program in relation to existing grant programs



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Regional PSAP Managers' Meetings

- Attendees were asked to contemplate the following questions:
 - What do you think the grant guidelines should look like?
 - How do you think the grant funding should be targeted?
- Attendees' answers were grounded by the following legislative parameters:
 - Needs-based
 - "To the benefit of wireless E-911"



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Suggestions for Grant Guidelines

- Definitions for all functional elements of grant guidelines
- Longevity of guidelines, forward thinking language, and strategically driven funding priorities
- Recognize personnel recruiting, training, and retention issues
- Provide planning assistance to PSAPs to help identify needs and ensure sustainability of funded projects



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Suggestions for Grant Guidelines

- Establish governance structure that supports the PSAPs
- Promote and reward regionalization
- Support of statewide projects
- Staff support needs to be an integral part of the grant process (from application to review)
- Include evaluative and enforcement criteria to maintain accountability
- Streamlined and user-friendly process



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Suggestions for Grant Guidelines

- Clearly defined fundable categories (equipment) and programmatic areas (regionalism)
- Balance between specifics and generalities to ensure flexibility and usefulness for PSAPs
- Grant awards should be made on an annual basis (includes multi-year projects); however, extensions are permissible
- Consider all types of cost (TCO) and payment options (lease v. purchase)



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Suggestions for Grant Guidelines

- Funding priorities need to be adjustable
- Format of guidelines - broad objectives or specific items
- Establishment of review process (Grant Committee or Board review)
- Funding methodology should be consistent with guidelines and reflect a needs-based approach



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Suggestions on Targeting Funding

- Recognize that different PSAPs have different funding needs
- Only PSAPs should be eligible to apply for the Wireless E-911 Grants
- Appropriateness of a local cost component



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Suggestions on Targeting Funding

- Objectives of methodology:
 - Differentiate between a need and a want
 - Take into account the size of the PSAP
 - Be consistent (based on a formula or definition)
 - Promote fiscal responsibility (caps for awards)
 - Acknowledge the relationship that exists between cost and the size of an operation (geometric cost structure)
 - Provide equipment replacement schedules based on age of equipment or availability of technical support



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Suggestions on Targeting Funding

- Grant funding should not reward creative writing
- Need-based funding criteria:
 - Budget amount (based on median for region)
 - Limit funding by size (PSAPs with more than 6 positions would not be eligible for funding)
 - Call volume
 - Census data
 - Threshold amount that is a percentage of budget


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Conclusion

- The Wireless E-911 grant program is a new funding source for PSAPs, but it will not fix all of the public safety financial woes.
- It is an opportunity for Virginia to establish a model for other states.
- The suggestions for grant guidelines and targeting funding, resource library, and grant summaries are the collective starting point for discussions within the Grant Committee.
- Committee will need to meet a minimum of four times at a location to be determined.

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Old Business

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New Business

- FY2005 True-Up Reports - None
- FY2006 Funding Request/Adjustments
 - Amherst County - \$66,700
 - Essex County - \$40,000
 - Fredericksburg - \$136,070
 - Highland County - \$40,000
 - Lee County - \$49,110
 - Russell County - \$40,000
 - Sussex County - \$40,639
 - Appomattox County - \$18,000 increase
 - Mathews County - \$19,925 increase


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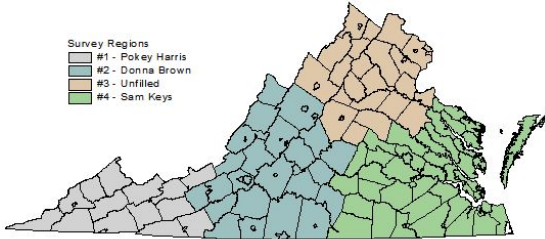


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New Business


- CMRS Subcommittee Recommendations
- Introduction of New Staff
 - Four Regional offices




Survey Regions
 #1 - Pokey Harris
 #2 - Donna Brown
 #3 - Unfilled
 #4 - Sam Keys

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- Next meeting date - June 7, 2006
- Public Comment
- Adjourn Meeting

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